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In re application of:

Yokio ISOBE et al.

Application No.: 09/851,599

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
INFORMATION

Examiner: Vincent F. Boccio

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2005, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Species V, Fig. 19, page 67, which corresponds to claims 14-17, without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303.

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